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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact that whenever the N.G.O. comes, usually, the medical attendant is not in a position to attend to the needs of the N.G.O. quickly as it should be in the case of Government servants?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If the hon. Member gives me a particular instance, then I can enquire and tell him what the position is. How can I answer a hypothetical question?

Hire purchase transactions

* 158 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM (on behalf of Sri T. V. Devaraja Mudaliar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to exclude hire purchase transactions from the purview of the Madras Money-lenders Act, 1957?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Did the Hon. Minister receive any representation in the matter? I remember the Hon. Minister said so yesterday in answer to a question.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There were some representations. I said we would look into the matter.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider liberalising the rules so that this measure may not affect normal business transactions?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I can give a reply only after examining the question and considering it. Before that, I cannot say whether we are liberalising or narrowing it down.

B.T. Assistants

* 159 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that B.T. Assistants in the District Board High Schools in Madurai district are given the benefit of higher starting salary of Rs. 100;

(b) whether it is a fact that Assistants deputed for B.T. training by the District Board are not given this higher start;

(c) whether it is a fact that the benefit of higher start is much larger than the amount of stipends paid by them; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to give the benefit of excess over the stipend amount to such teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Some Assistants have been given the benefit.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have no information on the point.

(d) No, Sir.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware of the fact that in the case of a stipendiary, he is started on Rs. 75 as against Rs. 100 for the new entrant who comes direct and, that by this he loses Rs. 1,500 during five years of compulsory service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As a matter of fact, it is under those conditions that these teachers take the benefit of stipends. If they do not want them, they can incur their own expenses and then claim them back.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Cannot Government just liberalise this to the extent of what a Government stipendiary gets, namely, starting with Rs. 100?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is the district board authorities that have to consider this and take a decision. I do not think we can interfere in this.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Is it not more correct to say that these stipendiaries are started with three annual increments of Rs. 5 each, i.e., on Rs. 100 whereas their substantive pay would have been only Rs. 85 ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes. Where the trainees take the advantage of stipend offered by the district board, they do not get this increment.

Department of Archæology

* 160 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to establish a State Department of Archaeology;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken to conduct a survey of ancient monuments in the State;

(*c*) the stage at which the proposed State legislation for preservation of historical monuments and objects in the State stands at present; and

(*d*) the measures instituted or proposed to be instituted to prevent export of works of art and sculpture from the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. Sanction has been accorded to the employment for a period of six months of a full-time Special Officer to conduct the survey. The question of appointing a suitable officer with a flair for South Indian History, Archæology and Epigraphy is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Necessary action for undertaking legislation will be taken soon after the Special Officer completes the survey and submits his report.